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SUBJ: DANISH REPRESENTATION IN HAVANA

1. DANISH FIRST SECRETARY JOHN KIERULF TOLD EMBOFF
LAST EVENING THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT HAD JUST SENT A
FOREIGN OFFICE INSPECTOR TO HAVANA TO LOOK INTO THE
POSSIBILITY OF REOPENING ITS EMBASSY THERE. HE SAID THAT
DANISH INTERESTS IN CUBA WERE CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY
TWO RATHER ELDERLY HONORARY CONSULS.

2. IN PASSING, KIERULF NOTED THAT CUBA IS PRESENTLY
DENMARK'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER IN LATIN
AMERICA, AFTER BRAZIL. ITS TRADE WITH CUBA, HE ADDED,
IS AT LEAST FOUR TIMES AS GREAT AS WITH MEXICO.

3. PERHAPS HALF-SERIOUSLY, KIERULF SAID HIS
GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED AT WHAT MIGHT BE THE REACTION OF
THE USG TO REESTABLISHMENT OF FULL DANISH DIPLOMATIC TIES
WITH HAVANA. EMBOFF AGREED WITH KIERULF THAT THE PRESENT
OAS-DECREED TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA
MIGHT NOT SURVIVE MUCH LONGER, BUT ADDED THAT U.S. POLICY
TOWARD CUBA AND TOWARD OTHER NATIONS' RELATIONS WITH
CUBA REMAINED UNCHANGED.

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